(a) whether Government are running sanctioned forest security scheme under Centrally sponsored scheme in which 75 per cent of expenditure is borne by the Central Government and 25 percent of expenditure is borne by States;

(b) whether Government have received any action plan from the state of Rajasthan during the said plan period 2004-05 for Government's approval; and

(c) whether Government propose to grant its approval to the said action plan; if so, by when; if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) Integrated Forest Protection, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme was in operation upto the year 2004-05. Under the scheme, funds have been provided to the States and Union Territories on cost sharing basis of 90%: 10% for North East and special category States and 75%: 25% for Other States and Union Territories.

(b) Yes, Sir. A project proposal was received from Rajasthan for Rs. 200.00 lakhs for the financial year 2004-05.

(c) The said work programme was sanctioned on 1.11.04 for a total amount of Rs. 200.00 lakhs of which the central share was Rs. 150.00 lakhs.

Pending irrigation project

†4715. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:?

(a) whether it is a fact that many irrigation projects are pending for approval with his Ministry in the name of conservation of forest laws;

(b) if so, the State-wise details of projects put up for approval during the last three years;

(c) the reasons for their not being approved so far; and

(d) by when these projects are likely to be approved?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) The Ministry receives proposals from the State/Union Territory Governments for use of forest land for non-forestry purposes for which prior approval of the Central Government is required under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The proposals are considered by the Forest Advisory Committee constituted under the Act before being put up before the competent authority for decision. This is a continuous process and hence, at any point of time, some proposals always remain under consideration of the Ministry.

(b) to (d) Out of 155 proposals of irrigation projects received during the last three years, 41 are under consideration of the Ministry at present. The State-wise details of 41 proposals are given in the enclosed statement (*see* below). The State Governments have not furnished certain essential information in respect of 32 cases.

Statement

State-wise details of the proposals of irrigation projects received during the last three years which are at present under consideration of the Ministry under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

S. No.	State	Number of Projects
1.	Andhra Pradesh	6
2.	Bihar	1
3.	Chhattisgarh	9
4.	Gujarat	2
5.	Jharkhand	1
6.	Kerala	1
7.	Karnataka	1
8.	Maharashtra	10
9.	Madhya Pradesh	1
10.	Rajasthan	3
11.	Tamil Nadu	2
12.	Uttaranchal	3
13.	Uttar Pradesh	1
	TOTAL	41